PASSION WEEK.

MONDAY THE DAY OF AUTHORITY.

I. The Cursing of the Fig-tree.

1. A parable enacted, setting forth Christ's judgment upon (Israel.

2. The uttered curse but in keeping with the curse of the tree's inward blight.
   a/ not because of its barrenness but because of its false claim to fruitfulness.
   b/ Israel as an early fig-tree among the nations (Hos. 9:10)
   In keeping with parable of barren fig-tree (Lk. 13:6ff).
   c/ the Jews were putting forth claims to fruitfulness, but were barren.

3. A perpetual warning to Xns against a profession of fruitfulness when there are but leaves and no fruit.
   We are called upon to bear fruit unto God.

Faith to remove the mountain.

1. Mount Zion, the City of God.
2. Zion to be removed and cast into the storm-tossed sea of the heathen world, thru FAITH.
   The faith of the missionary.

II. The Cleansing of the Temple.

1. X's only act of authority.
2. It signifies to us:-
   a/ how sanctity and worship can be corrupted by selfish interests.
   b/ How we can become blinded by selfish interests.
   c/ how truly sacred the House of God was to Christ.
   d/ how a bold appeal to conscience is an awakening power which evil doers dare not resist.